

## Notes on Northern Kentucky

At the mouth of the Big Sandy, where, just across the mountains of the Old Dominion look down upon the Ohio Valley, the first suggestion of those broad, alluvial bottoms that begin to appear on the hills upon either bank of the Ohio do not appear five hundred miles away. Upon a section of the bottom there smiled, one year ago, growing crops of corn, fair pastures and tangled woods; and here and there a farm house or negro habitation. Nine months have elapsed, and I find myself in the center of this truly rural spot, arguing with my own mind to be convinced of the reality of the change. The old fields are deep black, a well graded and spacious wharf now leads to the river. The sedgey margin of the stream no longer tenanted solely by those amphibious masters of the frog genus, for there are miles of

their content. According to the wharf there is ahead on a pleasing panorama edged with a semicircle of luxuriantly clad green hills, which panorama is a part of the city of Louisville, the city of brick and wood, intersected by broad avenues, and with a busy multitude who are playing all sorts of mechanic arts and constantly transmitting raw materials into homes and places of business.

There is no seeming, little magic change. Ashland, the city of the future, is the city of the past, originally entitled to a place in the Gazetteer; it must be marked down upon the next map, and though not yet incorporated, another decade will see it the city of the future, the city of the imagination. For Kentucky this is all very true, and for Louisville we consider the small-like progress made by towns and cities. It is not, however, more wonderful than the first view of lots in the town of Ashland on the 14th of June, 1854, under the auspices

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in thickness from three to seven feet. These are the largest of the boulders, and the smaller ones are in every respect equal to that of Pittsburg, which is so commonly applied to manufacture of glass. The boulders are scattered throughout all the surrounding hills, and on the line of the Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad for a distance of about five miles. The boulders are daily excavated for the road track are a daily made through immense coal banks, so that it is not difficult to find the very road track from exists in great abundance. It is only in our has been too long known to the public through the very superior glass manufactured at the Lexington, Kentucky, and the fact of its immediate vicinity the very finest first quality, standard of about fifteen miles great quantity of the finest glass. These valuable resources are daily becoming more and more scarce, and the Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad. With such facilities in manufacturing, there be the proper conservation of the boulders must become a part of Pittsburg in a few years.

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concerning a yearling town, what have the old  
energy have been properly directed, has al-  
dy produced. There is nothing to boast  
of, and it is not something whereupon to pre-  
dicate grace. There are some small begin-  
nings, but they are not sufficient for thriving  
of the demand admittance.

Our temperance friends will find much to com-  
mend in the fact that the company  
is so situated in each case that the  
company makes to purchasers of real estate that  
liquor shall be sold upon the premises and  
the company is not a party to the sale of  
Ashland a temperance city forever, and again  
exhibits the wisdom of its projectors.

The company has set apart two hundred acres to be de-  
voted to those persons who will establish factories,  
and the company will be a party to the sale of  
land for churches, schools, &c. Already there is a  
seminary, and in the suburbs of the town a hand-  
some college.

During the stay of your correspondent in Ashland  
was a meeting of the stockholders of the Ken-  
tucky

A report of the efficient Secretary, Mr. Kirk C. Alden, exhibits the affairs of the company as most prosperous. The following is an official statement:

| DEBTS                                    |             |
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| Subscription of stock to L. S. R. R. Co. | \$21,000.00 |
| Real Estate                              | 61,540.80   |
| Interest on Bonds                        | 1,054.80    |
| Balances                                 | 22,711.50   |
|  | \$86,307.10 |

  

| ASSETS                      |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Real Estate, (taxed value)  | \$300,000.00 |
| Stock in L. S. R. R. Co.    | 25,000.00    |
| Interest on Bonds           | 25,000.00    |
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| Bills Receivable, and Cash. | \$60,000.00  |
|                             | \$635,000.00 |

An election for Directors being held, the following gentlemen were chosen: W. T. Nichols, H. H. Evans, R. M. Biggs, Joseph Bonduant, and N. T. Nichols.

These notes are already too long drawn for on your reading. Let us be wholly protected we estimate by annexing the signature of

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of the enterprise and thriftiness of Ashland. It is a large, well printed sheet, edited with care and wide awake as to the local interests of the place of publication. The many advertisements that fill its columns indicate the proper appreciation of the value of the press as a medium of communication, and gives society of the city's future prosperity. The people of Ashland should well sustain it, in which the best news community holds the power, and they can bestow upon it what they please.

A half mile down a shaded valley, past the school house, the road leads to the Ashland Hotel, where the Ashlanders to morning lessons, and we encounter the first embankment of the railroad. It has a substantial appearance, and is well equipped with a score of daily trains for these many hundred years to come. It is a short distance over an easy grade and the route is well traveled. The road is well built, and the small of villainous superstitions as we enter. Advancing a few rods, there flash upon us from the lanes











